

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): BLUM, et al.

Appln. No.: 09

Series Code ↑

463,681

Serial No. ↑

Filed: January 31, 2000

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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Group Art Unit 1741
Examiner: MAYEKAR, K.
Atty. Dkt. P 266043 H 33430
M# Client Ref
Appln. Title: PROCESS FOR THE APPLICATION
OF A PROTECTIVE AND
DECORATIVE LAMINAR STRUCTURE

Date: April 17, 2001

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
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3. Independent Claims	1	***minus	3	0	x \$80/\$40 =	+ \$0 102/202
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5. Original due Date: March 18, 2001	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
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	(2 mos)	\$390/\$195 =	+ \$110			116/216
	(3 mos)	\$890/\$445 =				117/217
	(Usable only for ≤ 2mo.OA --- 4 mos)	\$1390/\$695=				118/218
	(Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos)	\$1890/\$945=				128/228
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11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)		+ \$710/355	+ \$0			146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b).....		x \$710/355 ea	+ \$0			149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		+ \$710/355	+ \$0			1179/1279
14. Petition fee for			+ \$0			
15.			TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =		\$110	

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Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed December 18, 2000, please reconsider application in view of the following remarks:

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REMARKS

Claim 8 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is not apparent what the Examiner means by "the subject matter after "comprising" is not a process step" in claim 8, because the term "comprising" is followed by a clear process step "coating". Clarification is requested.

Claim 10, as indicated by the Examiner, is a product claim and it properly depends on

the process claim 1, because it defines a product, *i.e.*, "a three-dimensional substrate